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UM STUDENTS FACE CAMPUS HOUSING CRUNCH

MISSOULA --

Family housing is full, and residence halls have room left for only about 60 students for fall semester 1992, University of Montana housing Director Ron Brunell announced today.

"If students want residence hall accommodations, they need to send in their application now," he stressed. "They can't just show up here and expect to get housing."

Family housing comprises 394 units, and dormitories have space for 2,041 students. More than 500 people are on the waiting list for family housing, where rent costs about 40 percent less than that for off-campus apartments, Brunell said. Most of the available dormitory spaces are in Jesse and Aber halls.

UM could accommodate an additional 150 students or so in temporary housing, such as four rooms in the basement of Miller Hall and study lounges in a number of buildings. Last fall, the students who chose to move from temporary to permanent dormitory rooms were able to do so within about a month.

In response to the campus-housing shortage, the University Center Administration has set up the Off-Campus Housing Clearinghouse at the information desk on the second floor of the University Center. The telephone number is 243-INFO (243-4636).

Clearinghouse workers will give students a map of Missoula and list of people who have called in to say they have places to rent and will refer students to property management companies and local

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The construction boom in Missoula may have a trickle-down benefit for students, Brunell said. Although they may not be the ones moving into the new housing, they may be able to move into the dwellings vacated by the people who do.

Still, students will discover "the market is very expensive," Brunell said. "It's a seller's market out there now."

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